

Liquidation of Non-Cooking Coal Pithead stocks

5480. SHRI PLUSTIRKEY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have issued instructions to Coal India Limited to launch a special drive immediately to liquidate 20 million tonnes of non-cooking coal pithead stocks which have been accumulating near the collieries over the last few years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the criterion to be followed to open the sale of the stocks;

(d) whether priority is proposed to be given to certain industries/consumers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (e). A decision has recently been taken to release twenty million tonnes of coal from the pithead stocks of Coal India Ltd. The company has been instructed to categorise the stocks as follows:

1. Stocks lying in collieries within 3 Kms. of railway sidings;
2. Stocks lying in collieries beyond 3 Kms. of railway sidings;
3. Pithead stocks lying in collieries which are captive to consumer points like thermal Power Stations;
4. Stocks in collieries which are

linked only by roads.

The stocks under category two and four would be offered for sale. In such sale priority would be given to actual consumers, like manufactures of cement, paper, textile, glass, lime, small industries and brick kilns etc. The sale price will be the price notified by the Government for a particular grade and handling charges etc. The grade of coal will be fixed by the Coal Controller.

[Translation]

Development of Hilly District of Uttar Pradesh

5481. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for the development of hilly district of Uttar Pradesh during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) whether the targets has been achieved;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d). Outlay and expenditure by major heads of development are given at Statement I and important physical targets and achievement are given at Statement II. Physical targets were achieved except in respect some items.